

Year 5 Newsletter Spring Term 2 | Monday 19th February 2024



Looking Back....

Welcome back to a new half term! We hope that you had a lovely break. The Year 5 Team were wowed by the progress the children made last half term. We saw some phenomenal attitudes to learning and some of the home learning projects completed were outstanding. The children wrote a fabulous biography of none other than Henry VIII. The children mastered both long multiplication and short division.

We have had a busy time with trips and visits too so far this year. Our trip to Gainsborough Old Hall was a real success; the children loved getting dressed up in the Tudor costumes and taking part in the banquet.

Special mentions!

Congratulations to those pupils who have received their Star Learner of the Week award this year! This term, we would love to share some special mentions. Has your child had any fantastic achievements outside of school? Maybe they have been awarded their next swimming badge or have moved to the next grade in their music lessons. Please send in a note or ask your child to mention this to their teacher so that we can add it to the next newsletter!

Looking forward...

During this half term, Year 5 will continue with our topic 'Off With Their Heads' where our learning will deepen around Tudor Britain and the trials and tribulations of King Henry VIII's reign. The children's knowledge is outstanding and we can't wait to take it to the next level.

As **Scientists**, we will continue to investigate forces including gravity, water resistance and friction. We will also be re-visiting Oakwood to use their science labs once again. As **Historians**, we will look at how the various monarchs changed Britain, how politics evolved and how medicine became essential in changing lives. As **Artists**, we will be developing our creative skills to make a Tudor collage. As **Designers**, we will be developing our skills with textiles and creating a hand-woven Tudor rose. The children will now move onto drumming sessions where they will further the skills they learnt in Year 4 and continue their understanding of and ability to read musical notation.

In **English**, we will be writing a biography of none other than King Henry VIII himself and delving into a plethora of reading texts alongside this. Within **Maths**, we will be developing our understanding of area and perimeter initially and then delving into the world of fractions for the majority of the half term.

Weekly, Year 5 will continue to receive lessons in **Spanish, ICT, PSHE** and **RE**.

Reading....

Your child should bring home one book from school; a fiction book from the Y5 Reading Spine. Please continue to encourage your child to read at home as this will greatly increase understanding and vocabulary. The prompts below will help form discussions with your child around what they are reading.

- What impression of the character/place do you have? Why?
- What did the actions/speech of the character suggest?
- Can you summarise what you have read or learned?
- Which word has the same meaning as...?
- If you were to draw the setting, what would it look like?

Please remember to record your child's reading at home on the Reading Logs on Marvellous Me. The Google form should be completed and submitted weekly before Friday morning. Once this has been checked by your child's class teacher, and if they have finished reading their book, they will be able to go to the library to change their reading book(s). If you are yet to sign up to Marvellous Me, please contact the office who will be happy to help.

Supporting your child at home...

Our long term plans, outlining the objectives we will cover in our maths, English and foundation subjects, are available to view on our school website. If you wish to support your child at home, or to discuss their learning with them, please use the following link, which will take you directly to the relevant part of our school website:

[Long Term Plans](#)

Reminders!

P.E. Schedule

The Year 5 children will have two sessions of PE every week, with PE days being on Wednesday for all three classes, and then Monday for 5TS and 5ZN and Friday for 5WW. We ask that all children come to school in their P.E. kit on the days that they have P.E. PE kit is as follows: white t-shirt, black shorts/leggings or black tracksuit, and black trainers.

X (Formally Twitter) and Marvellous Me

If you would like to keep up-to-date with your child's learning in school, then check out the school's X page. The account details are listed at the top of this letter. We also encourage you to track your child's learning on the Marvellous Me app.

Times Tables

Please continue to encourage your children to practise their times tables at home! It has been great to see children growing in confidence as they become more secure with this, and they will reap the benefits of this throughout the year in maths lessons.

Reading Eggs

As well as reading their book at home, please encourage your child to practise their reading on **Reading Eggs** regularly.

Year 5 Home Learning Spring Term



Below are some home learning project ideas related to this term's topic, 'Terrible Tudors'. This home learning encourages the children to become investigative learners and to develop their enquiry skills, independence and creativity.

This needs to be completed and returned to school by **Monday 25th March**. If your child needs any paper, or other resources that school can provide, please encourage them to ask their class teacher.

Project Ideas

- Find out about the history of the Tudor monarchs. Could you make a timeline of events?
- Research the different wives of Henry VIII and present your findings on google slides.
- Create 'Did You Know?' fact cards about the Tudors or the Battle of Bosworth.
- Research some of the different punishments given during the Tudor times and create a fact file.
- Create a persuasive poster or brochure about visiting Gainsborough Old Hall.
- Make a model of a Tudor house.
- Make or draw the Tudor rose.
- Draw or paint a portrait of Henry VIII or one of his wives.

Please can you make sure your child brings their project into school on Monday 25th March.

This will give time for the children to share their project with the rest of the class before the end of the half term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Nazir, Mr Snow, Mrs Winters and Mrs Walker.

The Year 5 Team